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SUBJ: KUWAIT PARTICIPATION RENEGOTIATION

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1. PRIOR PROCEEDING ON SUMMER LEAVE KOC MANAGER STRAND CALLED
JUNE 18 TO BRIEF ME ON CURRENT POSITION OF GOK ON PARTICIPATION
AND ADDITIONAL OIL PRODUCTION.

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2. STRAND SAID PRIME MINISTER HAD TOLD GULF PRESIDENT DORSEY THAT " MANY THINGS HAVE CHANGED" SINCE GOK SIGNING OF PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT LAST JANUARY 8. STRAND SAID PM OBVIOUSLY WAS REFERRING TO OIL DEVELOPMENTS SINCE JAN IN IRAN, LIBYA, NIGERIA, AND IRAQ WHICH OPPONENTS OF PARTICIPAH ON IN KUWAITI NATIONAL ASSEMBLY HAVE BEEN HIGHLIGHTING AND EXPLOITING TO FULL ALL SPRING. CONTRARY TO PRESS REPORTS THAT GOK ASKING FOR ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PARTICIPATION, PRIME MINISTER OFFERED NO THOUGHTS HIMSELF BUT ASKED DORSEY TO COME UP WITH GULF PROPOSALS FOR ADJUSTMENTS IN PRESENT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT. STRAND SAID HE WAS ASKED TO PASS SAME REQUEST TO BP. HE ADDED GULF AND BP HAVE BEEN ASKED BE READY DISCUSS POSSIBLE ADJUSTMENTS INFORMALLY WITH MINISTER FINANCE AND OIL ATIQUI IN GENEVA AT END OF JULY. STRAND SAID IT STRICTLY HIS OWN PERSONAL IDEA THAT COMPANIES COULD SUGGEST CURRENT AGREEMENT REMAIN IN FORCE FOR NEXT FOUR YEARS, THAT IS, DURATION OF PRESENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUY BACK OIL, AND CONCENTRATE THEIR PROPOSALS IN AREA OF BRIDGING OIL.

3. STRAND ALSO SAID PRIME MINISTER MADE IT CLEAR GOK DID NOT INTENT ALLOW RISE ABOVE PRESENT THREE MILLION BARREL LIMIT FROM FIELDS ALREADY IN PRODUCTION, BUT HE TOLD DORSEY GOK WOULD SYMPATHETICALLY CONSIDER KOC REQUEST TO PRODUCE AND EXPOR ANY ADDITIONAL OIL FOUND IN NEW FIELDS. STRAND SAID KOC CURRENTLY INTERESTED IN BARRAH FIELD SOUTHEAST OF RAUDATAIN. TEST DRILLING WILL RESUME THERE IN NOVEMBER.
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